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A strike leader in Northern Ireland accuses the CIA of working against him.

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The accusation was made by the Rev. Ian Paisley, who is leading a Protestant general strike in an effort to pressure the British to restore government by local parliament and to crack down on the Irish Republican Army. He said the CIA and a British "dirty tricks" department were conspiring to undermine the strike, but he offered no specifics. A British spokesman said Mr. Paisley was "hysterical." The strike has been faltering despite intimidation, firebombings and shootings that have been attributed to militant Protestants. Mr. Paisley said the British were responsible for the violence.

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James Angleton said that his Security and Intelligence Fund would also pay the legal fees of CIA or military intelligence officers who have legal problems related to their work. No CIA officer has been indicted, although Justice Department officials are looking at perjury allegations against former CIA Director Richard Helms, who was once Angelton's boss. Angleton himesif was involved in a massive, 20-year-long CIA mail opening program. The Justice Department decided last January, however, not to seek an indictment against him because any prosecution would, "in all likelihood, fail."